

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the following paragraphs:

The second full paragraph on page 38:

EXAMPLE 3. SCREENING OF PUTATIVE LIGANDS FOR IGS1.

Example 3a. Construction of IGS-1 transfected ~~CHO~~G16 CHOG α 16-cells.

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To identify ligands for IGS1, Chinese Hamster Ovary (CHO) cells were stably transfected with IGS1. Since the G-protein coupling mechanism of IGS1 was unknown, a specific CHO-cell strain was used, which expresses the G-protein ~~G~~16 G α 16 (~~CHO~~G16-CHOG α 16, Molecular Devices), known as a "universal adapter" for GPCRs (Milligan G. et al. (1996) Trends Pharmacol. Sci. 17: 235-7).

The fourth full paragraph on page 39:

Example 3b. Intracellular calcium measurements.

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The ~~CHO~~G16- CHOG α 16 IGS1 cells were functionally screened on a Fluorometric Imaging Plate Reader (FLIPR) to measure mobilisation of intracellular calcium in response to putative ligands.

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